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(57) Abstract <p>The invention relates to a method for identifying a <i>Mycobacterium</i> species comprising the steps of: a) contacting at least one immuno-cross reactive antigen component of a mycobacterial species with a sample of a body fluid of a human or animal individual; b) contacting at least one antibody, which is capable of reacting with a mycobacterial antigen, with said body fluid sample; c) detecting the presence of antigen-antibody complexes, and identifying the <i>Mycobacterium</i> species present in said body fluid sample.</p>		